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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL STATISTICS ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
EMPLOYMENT FAO

REF.: (A) HIGGINSON LTR TO BARRETT FEB 7 (B) STATE 039344

1. AS INDICATED IN HIGGINSON/BARRETT LETTER REF (A), FAO PERSONNEL FIGURES LEAVE SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED. ALL FIGURES IN ANNEXES TO ABOVE LETTER WERE SUPPLIED BY FAO. DIFFERENT OFFICES PREPARED THESE LISTS AND DEFEND THEIR FIGURES AND CAST DOUBT ON OTHER OFFICES' FIGURES. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO EXPLAIN DISREPARCIES AND DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE. A THOROUGH REVIEW WOULD ONLY TURN UP NEW, DIFFERENT FIGURES.

2. WE RECEIVED FEBRUARY 28 THE END OF DECEMBER 1976 GEOGRQPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF ON THE REGULAR FAO PROGRAM. THIS FAO PUBLICATION GIVES NUMBER OF U.S. EMPLOYEES AT 85 REPEAT 85 OUT OF A TOTAL FAO PROFESSIONAL POSTS OF 914 REPEAT 914. THIS TOTAL NUMBER IS INCREASING AS THE FAO FILLS ITS AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL POSITIONS TOWARD 1975 CONFE- RENCE/1976 COUNCIL APPROVED LEVEL OF 959. (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ONLY 748 POSITIONS ARE FILLED AND THAT THERE ARE 166 VACANCIES.) THE SOURCE OF THE ABOVE FIGURES IS THE PUBLICATION WE HAVE USED IN THE PAST IN RESPONDING TO CONGRESSINAL INQUIRIES.

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3. NOW, IN JANUARY 1977, THE FAO FINALLY HAS ITS NEW COMPUTER PERSONNEL SYSTEM IN OPERATION WHICH IS TIED INTO THEIR PAYROLL ACCOUNTING. THE COMPUTER RESPONSE ON AMERICANS ON PARYROLL IS 77 AMERICANS OUT OF A TOTAL OF 837 FAO PROFESSIONALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1976. FRANKLY THESE LATTER FIGURES ARE PROBABLY MORE ACCURATE, BUT THEY ARE NEW AND DO NOT RELATE TO PREVIOUS

PERSONNEL STATISTICS USED BY US.

4. RECOMMENDATION: IN THE CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION USE THE FAO PERSONNEL STATISTICS SITED IN PARA 2 ABOVE BECAUSE THEY ARE PUBLICALLY PUBLISHED FAO STATISTICS AND ARE IN THE SAME SEQUENCE WE HAVE USED BEFORE. IF POSSIBLE CAVEAT THESE FIGURES BY REFERRING TO INSTALLATION OF A NEW COMPUTER PERSONNEL STATISTICAL SYSTEM WHICH MAY REVISE FIGURES.BEAUDRY

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